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1. DURING A REVIEW POLITICAL OFFICER HAD WITH CHIEF OF FONMIN UN SECTION, MATTI KAHILUOTO, CONCERNING REFTEL, CERTAIN QUESTIONS WERE RAISED TO WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFO OR GUIDANCE. IN REFERENCE TO PARA NINE OF REFTEL, KAHILUOTO RAISED QUESTION AS TO WHAT EXACTLY WE MIGHT HAVE IN MIND CONCERNING DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES IN FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AT NEXT UNGA. KAHILUOTO ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE FACT THAT OUR ASSESSMENT DID NOT TOUCH UPON THE QUESTION OF SOME SYSTEM FOR UN PEACE KEEPING FORCES WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THIRTY THREE FOR SOME YEARS, AND WHICH HE HAD HOPED THAT THE PRESENT CLIMATE OF US-SOVIET COOPERATION MIGHT HAVE ALLOWED SOME PROGRESS ON. FYI: THE FINNS ARE MUCH CLOSER TO THE US POSITION IN WHAT THEY LIKE TO SEE DEVELOP, BUT ARE AT LEAST HOPING FOR SOME KIND OF US-USSR COMPROMISE. END FYI.

2. I MIGHT POINT OUT THAT THE REPLY WOULD BE USEFUL BOTH FOR MY DISCUSSION WITH FINNISH UN AMBASSADOR
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KARHILO (WHO ALSO IS PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC) AT

LUNCHEON I AM GIVING FOR HIM, AND FOR PRESENTATION WHICH KARHILO AND KAHILUOTO WILL GIVE THE FINNISH UN AFFAIRS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY -- AT WHICH KAHILUOTO HAS OFFERED TO WORK IN ANY POINTS OF IMPORTANCE TO US THAT DO NOT OBVIOUSLY CONFLICT WITH FINNISH POSITION. WE OF COURSE TRY OUR BEST TO BRING FINNS AROUND TO SEE THE VIRTUE OF OUR POSITIONS AS THEY DEVELOP DURING A UNGA, BUT APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON THEM AHEAD OF TIME, THEREBY INCREASING OUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS LATER ON.

3. A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE FINNISH VIEW OF THE 28TH UNGA AND WHAT LIES AHEAD WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE MEETING WITH KARHILO.
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